

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Original) Container comprising a multimodal ethylene polymer having a standard density of at least 935 kg/m^3 and a fluidity index MI_2 of from 1 to 10 g/10 min, said multimodal ethylene polymer comprising:

from 20 to 65 wt%, based on the total weight of the multimodal ethylene polymer, of a fraction comprising ethylene polymer (A) having a density of more than 950 kg/m^3 and a fluidity index MI_2 (A) of at least 10 g/10 min; and

from 80 to 35 wt %, based on the total weight of the multimodal ethylene polymer, of a fraction comprising a copolymer (B) of ethylene and at least one alpha-olefin containing from 3 to 12 carbon atoms, and having a fluidity index MI_2 (B) of less than 10 g/min and a content of said alpha-olefin(s) of 0.1 to 5 mol%.

2. (Original) Container comprising ethylene polymer having a standard density of at least 935 kg/m^3 , a fluidity index MI_2 of from 1 to 10 g/10 min, a Vicat point of at least 126.5°C and a resistance to slow cracking, measured according to ASTM D 1693 (1980), condition A of at least 60 hours.

3. (Original) Container according to claim 1, wherein the standard density of the ethylene polymer (A) is more than 965 kg/m^3 .

4. (Currently amended) Container according to ~~any preceding~~ claim 1, wherein the proportion of ethylene polymer (A) is from 30 to 40 wt%.

5. (Currently amended) Container according to ~~any preceding~~ claim 1, wherein the standard density of the multimodal ethylene polymer is at least 950 kg/m^3 .

6. (Currently amended) Container according to ~~any preceding~~ claim 1, which has a volume of less than 2L.
7. (Currently amended) Container according to ~~any preceding~~ claim 1, which is formed only of said multimodal ethylene polymer.
8. (Currently amended) Container according to ~~any preceding~~ claim 1, wherein polymer (A) is a homopolymer of ethylene.
9. (Currently amended) Container according to ~~any preceding~~ claim 1, wherein the multimodal ethylene polymer has a fluidity index MI_2 of from 1 to 3 g/10 min.
10. (Currently amended) Container according to ~~any preceding~~ claim 1, wherein the multimodal ethylene polymer has a density of no more than 962 kg/m³.
11. (Currently amended) Container according to ~~any preceding~~ claim 1, wherein the multimodal ethylene polymer has a M_w/M_n of 9 or less.
12. (Currently amended) Container according to ~~any preceding~~ claim 1, wherein the multimodal ethylene polymer has a M_w/M_n of at least 5.
13. (Currently amended) Container according to ~~any preceding~~ claim 1, wherein the multimodal ethylene polymer has a ratio $MI_2(A) / MI_2$ of from 5 to 200.
14. (Currently amended) Container according to ~~any preceding~~ claim 1, wherein the MI_2 (B) is from 0.08 to 0.8 g/10 min.
15. (Currently amended) Container according to ~~any preceding~~ claim 1, wherein the copolymer (B) comprises units derived from ethylene and butene-1.

16. (Currently amended) Container according to ~~any preceding~~ claim 1, wherein the multimodal ethylene polymer is obtained by polymerisation in at least two reactors connected in series.

17. (Currently amended) Container according to ~~any preceding~~ claim 1 or 2, which is a bottle.

18. (Currently amended) ~~Bottle~~ Container according to claim ~~[[16]]~~ 1 or 2, which is a bottle that has been sterilised.

19. (Cancelled).